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**FINAL COMMUNITY RELATION PLAN
FOR THE LENZ OIL SITE
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Dear Ms. LaFaire:

PRC Environmental Management, Inc. is submitting the Final Community Relations Plan (CRP) for the Lenz Oil Site which was prepared by B&V Waste Science and Technology. This Final CRP incorporates PRC's review comments as well as comments from the U.S. EPA and IEPA.

If you have any questions or comments on this submittal, please do not hesitate to call me at (312) 856-8700.

Sincerely,

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**COMMUNITY RELATIONS PLAN
LENZ OIL SERVICE INC. FACILITY
DuPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Congress passed the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) in 1980, which was amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) in 1986. This act authorizes the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to investigate and respond to releases of hazardous substances that may endanger the public health and welfare and the environment. The program created from the Act is commonly called Superfund. The USEPA, which administers Superfund in cooperation with the individual states, initiated the Superfund community relations program to generate a positive and ongoing dialogue among the communities surrounding Superfund sites and the government agencies responsible for investigating and responding to contamination at the sites. Community relations activities are designed to keep the public informed of site-related developments and to allow local residents and officials opportunities to review and comment on EPA plans concerning the site.

This community relations plan (CRP) identifies issues of community concern and interest regarding the Lenz Oil Service Facility Superfund site (the site or Lenz Oil) in DuPage County, Illinois. The plan also describes the community relations activities the USEPA and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) will sponsor during the remedial investigation and feasibility study (RI/FS) of the site. The RI/FS will be conducted by the potentially responsible parties (PRPs) under an administrative order of consent between the USEPA, IEPA and the settling PRPs.

This CRP is tailored to the needs of the local communities and reflects information gathered from local residents and officials during community interviews conducted by the USEPA and IEPA community relations coordinators (CRCs) and their contractor in September 1990. Information has also been assimilated from the Lenz Oil Review Committee meetings and a review of the site history and existing site documents. The CRP contains the following sections:

- Site Description and History
- Community Background Information and Issues of Concern
- Community Concerns
- Community Relations Program
 - Objectives of Community Relations Program
 - Community Relations Activities
- Appendices
 - Graphic Schedule of Community Relations Activities
 - Contact List of Interested Parties and Involved Agencies
 - Superfund Process Information

Technical Assistance Grant Program Information
Locations for an Administrative Record, Information
Repository, and Public Meetings

The USEPA Region V remedial project manager (RPM) will oversee the RI/FS. The USEPA CRC will manage the community relations activities for the site, in coordination with the IEPA CRC.

SITE DESCRIPTION AND HISTORY

The Lenz Oil site is located in southeast DuPage County in Lemont, Illinois, and is bounded by Jeans Road and Route 83, approximately six hundred feet northwest of the Des Plaines River.

The site is a former solvent and oil storage and recycling facility that operated under several owners for more than 20 years. In 1981, the IEPA issued permits to Lenz Oil and Charles Russell to develop and operate this facility as a waste management site. In June 1985, Lenz Oil was ordered to initiate cleanup actions that included a cleanup plan and a site closure and compliance plan. Lenz Oil installed monitoring wells, but failed to carry out major portions of the court order and in April 1986, filed for bankruptcy.

Investigation of the Lenz facility by IEPA revealed that there were drums and tanks stored on the site and that the soil was contaminated by oil and solvent waste. In addition, preliminary results indicated contamination in the ground water beneath the site, which could pose a threat to neighboring private wells and the Des Plaines River.

During 1986, IEPA completed an inventory and sampling of all drums and tanks at the site. Surface soils, subsurface soils and ground water samples were analyzed for contamination. This investigation revealed that both the soils and the ground water were contaminated, and could pose a threat to public health and the environment.

During 1987 and 1988, approximately 21,000 tons of contaminated soil were incinerated. In September 1989, the Lenz site was included as final in the National Priorities List (NPL). In September 1989, the PRPs signed a Consent Order with the USEPA and the IEPA to conduct the RI/FS to determine the nature and extent of contamination at the site under the joint oversight of both agencies.

COMMUNITY BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Community interest in the Lenz Oil site was high during the investigation and cleanup conducted under IEPA. The few residents living close to the site and the workers at the various industries surrounding the site were able to see the wastes sitting on the site before they were removed. Several residents expressed concerns about smells and the appearance of their well water. During the work conducted, those residents were

connected to the county water source by IEPA, and no longer use well water for drinking or cooking.

After IEPA signed the 1986 Record of Decision (ROD) to remediate the on-site wastes and some of the contaminated soil by incineration, community interest greatly increased. The agency released information to the general public and held a meeting to relay the decision to incinerate. The public voiced many concerns regarding incineration, and the agency diligently informed and involved the public in the planning process.

As a result of the high level of interest and large number of people wanting to be involved, the community and IEPA decided to form a committee of representatives, called the Lenz Oil Review Committee, to act as an information conduit. The committee was formed by representatives from local and state government, local environmental committees, homeowner associations, and local residents. The goal of the committee was to act as liaison between IEPA and concerned local citizens.

Immediately before and during the incineration process on the site, the Review Committee met monthly. Representatives from the IEPA and the site contractors presented information at the meetings and answered questions from committee members. Members of the public at large were welcome to attend the meetings, but the main focus was to utilize the committee as the main information conduit. Fact sheets regarding the progress at the site were disseminated to the committee, and members took the responsibility to reproduce them and share them with the groups they represented. Minutes were taken at the meeting, put in writing, and distributed at the next month's meeting.

This committee was an effective liaison between the IEPA and concerned local citizens. Community members have expressed a desire to continue with this committee format to pass on information generated during the current site investigation being done under the joint oversight of USEPA and IEPA. USEPA will work closely with IEPA during the community relations implementation and in meetings with the Review Committee. IEPA's Mike Orloff will continue to act as coordinator for the Review Committee.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Community interviews were conducted with members of the Review Committee and residents to ascertain current concerns regarding the site and upcoming work. The level of concern regarding the site is reduced now that the incineration process is completed and the incinerator is no longer on the site.

However, most of the individuals are aware that there is ground water contamination and are interested in knowing the exact extent of the contamination, and the direction ground water is flowing. They are also concerned that there may be radioactive contamination of the local ground water due to a federal facilities site south of the Lenz Oil site and south of Argonne National Laboratory. They reported that a committee is

forming to pursue information regarding the site, which purportedly is in a forest preserve where two nuclear reactors were buried many years ago. They questioned whether USEPA has any jurisdiction over this issue and, if the ground water is contaminated with radioactive waste, will USEPA be able to implement a cleanup to address the contamination. USEPA indicated to the citizens that they do not have jurisdiction over this issue under the Lenz Oil project. They also indicated they will attempt to provide citizens with the names and phone numbers of the individuals responsible for the issue.

Most individuals interviewed have a high interest and awareness of environmental issues in general and make it a point to stay informed and knowledgeable regarding issues that specifically affect their lives. They expressed a desire to receive clear, timely, information regarding the project work. All those interviewed agreed that the Review Committee had been a very effective communication liaison between the community and the agencies, and they requested that the committee continue to function in the same role.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS PROGRAM

Objectives of Community Relations Program

The community relations program at the Lenz Oil site is designed to allow the community to learn about and participate in the Superfund remedial process. It ensures that information is released on a timely, accurate, and well-publicized basis to mitigate unfounded concern or alarm. To be effective, the program should be flexible enough to adapt to changes in the community's interest level and its desire to participate in the remedial process.

The community relations program will continue to utilize the Review Committee as the communication liaison. Community relations activities will be conducted in accordance with the *Community Relations in Superfund Handbook*. There may be a need to augment these activities in the future to respond to a change in local interest and participation level.

Community Relations Activities

The following community relations activities will be implemented for the Lenz Oil site:

- **Community Meetings**
Meetings will be held with the Lenz Oil Review Committee on a regular basis, to be determined and agreed upon by the committee members and the involved agencies. Minutes of the Review Committee meetings will be taken and transcribed. These minutes will be distributed at the following committee meeting and placed in the site repositories for public access.

The Review Committee membership list will be made available to the public.

- **Newspaper Advertisements and Press Releases**

Newspaper advertisements will be written and placed in the local newspapers identified in the CRP. At a minimum, two ads will be placed. One ad will announce the public comment period on the proposed plan, and the other will announce the signing of the ROD.

News releases will be prepared as needed and distributed to local media throughout the remedial process.

- **Fact Sheets and Project Updates**

A minimum of two fact sheets will be written and produced in conjunction with the startup of the RI and the completion of the FS and proposed remedial plan.

Project updates, in the form of minutes from the Review Committee meetings, will also be produced at intermediate points in the RI/FS process as deemed necessary.

The first fact sheet will explain the Superfund process, the Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) Program, the upcoming RI activities, and will include a projected schedule of site work. The second fact sheet will explain the findings of the RI/FS and summarize the USEPA's proposed plan for remedial action. It will also define the public comment period on the alternatives and the proposed plan. The project updates will contain information regarding work at the site.

- **Mailing List**

The existing site mailing list compiled by the IEPA will be updated. The list will be maintained and updated before each site mailing.

- **Site Repository Maintenance**

The three site repositories established by the state will be maintained throughout the project. An initial inspection will be made to determine whether all applicable documents are in the repository. Any items missing from the repository will be replaced, and appropriate documents will be added to the repository as they are generated.

- **Public Comment Period**

A thirty-day public comment period will be provided at the time the feasibility study and proposed plan for remedial action are completed. During this time, a public meeting will be held and comments solicited. Comments will also be accepted in writing by the USEPA Community Relations Coordinator.

- **Responsiveness Summary**

A responsiveness summary to the comments received by USEPA during the public comment period will be prepared as part of the Record of Decision for the site.

APPENDIX A

SCHEDULE OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES

Community Relations Activities	Prior to RI	Completion of RI	During FS	Completion of FS/Proposed Plan	Signing of ROD
1) Information Repositories	X	- - - - -	- - - - - update as needed	- - - - -	- - - - - X
2) Site Mailing List	X	- - - - -	- - - - - update as needed	- - - - -	- - - - - X
3) Telephone or In-Person Contact with Local Officials and Residents	X	- - - - -	- - - - - provide as needed	- - - - -	- - - - - X
4) Availability Session/ Public Meeting	X	- - - - -	- - - - -	X	- - - - -
5) Review Committee Meetings	X	- - - - -	- - - - - to be determined	- - - - -	- - - - - X
6) Fact Sheets/Project Updates	X	- - - - -	- - - - - updates as needed	- - - - -	- - - - - X
7) Newspaper Ads		- - - - -	- - - - -	X	X
8) News Releases	X	- - - - -	- - - - - provide as needed	- - - - -	- - - - - X
9) Public Comment Period		- - - - -	- - - - -	X- - - -X	
10) Responsiveness Summary		- - - - -	- - - - -		X

APPENDIX B

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APPENDIX C

THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY SUPERFUND PROCESS

The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), more commonly known as "Superfund," was passed by Congress in 1980 and amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) in 1986. CERCLA authorizes the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to investigate and respond to releases of hazardous substances that may endanger public health or the environment. CERCLA established a fund of \$8.5 billion to pay for the investigation and cleanup of sites when parties responsible for the problems are unable or unwilling to pay for the work. The USEPA may then, through legal action, recover the costs of the investigation and cleanup from the responsible parties to replenish the fund for other Superfund projects.

After a site is initially discovered, usually the state investigates it and scores it, using the Hazard Ranking System (HRS). This system takes into account the following:

- Possible health risks to the human population.
- Potential hazards (such as from direct contact, inhalation, fire, or explosion) created by the substances at the site.
- Potential for the substances at the site to contaminate air or drinking water supplies.
- Potential for the substances at the site to pollute or harm the environment.

If the site's HRS score is 28.5 or above, it will be placed on the USEPA's National Priorities List (NPL). Every site on the NPL qualifies for the federal Superfund program. After a site is listed, the USEPA undertakes a thorough investigation to identify parties who may be legally responsible for the contamination problems. The search for potentially responsible parties (PRPs) can, and frequently does, continue throughout the remedial investigation/ feasibility (RI/FS) process. Once identified, these parties are asked to participate in the cleanup. If they are able to do so, but still refuse, they may face legal action.

USEPA develops a work plan and conducts an RI, which assesses the nature and extent of contamination, and characterizes potential risks to the community and environment. The USEPA then performs an FS to examine the various alternative measures to correct or control the contamination. When the study is completed, the USEPA evaluates the alternatives identified and recommends the alternative it considers best for the site. A public comment period is held to provide members of the public the opportunity to submit their comments on the alternatives. A specific long-term action is then chosen and presented in the record of decision (ROD), the USEPA's formal decision document that summarizes the decision process and the USEPA's selected cleanup remedy. The design of the remedy is then developed and the implementation of the remedy begins.

The time needed to complete each of these steps is different for every site. In general, an RI/FS takes about one to two years. After the Record of Decision is signed, negotiations with the PRPs for remedial design and action may be initiated. Following completion of the negotiations, design of the long-term cleanup action takes about six months to one year. The actual cleanup typically takes one to two years, although treatment of contaminated ground water, if needed, may take several years.

The USEPA monitors the site during remedial activities. If contamination becomes an imminent threat to public health or the environment during the RI/FS, the USEPA may conduct an emergency action to alleviate the problem.

APPENDIX D

THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS PROGRAM

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has introduced a program that enables groups of interested citizens to obtain assistance in interpreting and understanding the findings of the remedial process. Technical assistance grants (TAGs) provide up to \$50,000 to community groups wishing to hire consultants to interpret sampling results, reports, and other documents. The group must match twenty percent of the requested funding amount. For example, if \$50,000 were requested, the group must provide an additional \$10,000 or obtain it from some other source. The matching funds may be paid in in-kind services and may originate from any source. TAGs cannot be used to duplicate fieldwork or laboratory work. They may be used only to understand or interpret existing documents and activities conducted at the site.

Municipalities or other government agencies are not eligible to receive TAGs, but government officials may belong to a group requesting a TAG.

Additional information about TAGs is available in the Lenz Oil Service Facility site information repository and from the USEPA:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 5
Office of Public Affairs (5PA-14)
230 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, IL 60604

Contact: Nancy Koop
312/886-1660

APPENDIX E
AVAILABILITY SESSION/PUBLIC MEETING AND
INFORMATION REPOSITORY LOCATIONS

A. Information Repository Locations

Burr Ridge Village Hall
7660 S. County Line Road
Burr Ridge, IL 60521

Downers Grove Township Hall
4440 S. Prince
Downers Grove, IL 60515

Lemont Village Hall
508 Lemont Street
Lemont, IL 60439

B. Availability Session/Public Meeting Locations

Burr Ridge Village Hall
7660 S. County Line Road
Burr Ridge, IL 60521

City Hall
City of Darien
1702 Plainfield Road
Darien, IL 60559

Lemont Village Hall
508 Lemont Street
Lemont, IL 60439